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PRESS RELEASE

HARTFORD, CONN. (March 6, 2019) – Hartford Police and Office of the Chief State's Attorney Cold Case Unit make arrest in 2002 homicide. The accused, James Raynor, was served on Friday, March 5th 2019 while in prison on an unrelated 2009 Hartford homicide in which he was sentenced to thirty-seven (37) years of incarceration.

On May 10, 2002 at approximately 08:50 p.m., Hartford Police patrol units responded to the vicinity of 47 Center Street on a report of a person shot. Investigators discovered twenty-five year-old Harry Baez suffering from what appeared to be gunshot wounds to his head and shoulder. Baez was transported to St. Francis Hospital where he was pronounced deceased a short time later.

The case was investigated by the HPD Major Crimes Division, and then, in July of 2016, transferred to the Chief State's Attorney Cold Case Unit. Further information, leads, and cooperating witnesses were developed which ultimately led to a sworn affidavit charging James Raynor with one count of murder.

THE COLD CASE UNIT was established in the Office of the Chief State's Attorney in May of 1998 to focus special investigative efforts on crimes that have gone "cold," that is, unsolved for a prolonged period of time.

Since 1998, the Cold Case Unit has undertaken numerous investigations, resulting in convictions in dozens of previously unsolved homicides.

Cold Case Units bring together experienced prosecutors and investigators from the Division of Criminal Justice (Office of the Chief State's Attorney and State's Attorneys) to work closely with the Connecticut State Police and municipal police departments. These investigators start from scratch, reviewing all evidence and taking a fresh look at the crime.

This work relies upon the latest investigative techniques and the newest technology, including highly sophisticated DNA analysis. Many of these techniques were not available when the crimes occurred and the original investigations were undertaken.

The Hartford Police Major Crimes Division currently has a seasoned veteran detective assigned full-time with the Cold Case Unit.

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This arrest marks the third Hartford “Cold Case” homicide arrest in the past five months. Each of the cases were investigated for over a decade, and showcase the importance of the Chief State’s Attorney Cold Case Unit.

Arrested:

Raynor, James 08/29/1983

Currently incarcerated

MURDER (1 ct)

\$1,500,000.00 bond

Currently incarcerated



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